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**SUPPLEMENTAL REPLY**

This is a Supplemental reply to a Non-Final Office Action dated 04- January-2007 for the above-referenced case. A first reply was filed on 09- March-2007. This Supplemental Reply is now being filed solely in order to satisfy an Office Requirement (payment of the appropriate fee for submission of an Information Disclosure Statement) subsequent to the filing of the first reply.

The papers filed with the reply of 09-March-2007 included an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS). The IDS filed 09-March-2007 included paper copies of foreign patent documents which had been listed, but not provided in hardcopy format, in an earlier IDS, filed on November 7, 2006. At the time of filing (09-March-2007) of the most recent IDS, it was not believed that any additional fees were due under 37 CFR 1.97(c)(2) and 37 CFR 1.17(p).

However, after further review, it is now believed that the appropriate fee for submission of an IDS should have been included in the 09-March-2007 filing. Therefore, this Supplemental Reply is now being filed in order to make payment of the fee, as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p), in conjunction with the IDS submission of 09-March-2007. A petition and payment for a one-month extension of time are also included. Since the fee is now being paid herewith, the Office is requested to please consider the references cited in the IDS filed on 09-March-2007.

If any issues remain, the Office is invited to contact the undersigned agent of record at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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